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Sponsor(s):	Burke (14)
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Title:	Sympathy for congregation of First Baptist Church and families of victims of gunman attack in Sutherland Springs, Texas
Committee(s) Assignment:	

WHEREAS, on a quiet Sunday morning, November 5, 2017, in Sutherland Springs, a rural Texas community of less than four-hundred residents forty miles outside of San Antonio, a lone gunman armed with a fully automatic Rugar AR-556 weapon descended upon the First Baptist Church and opened fire upon the congregation; and

WHEREAS, in the deadly carnage that followed, the lives of twenty-six innocent people ranging in age from five to seventy-seven were taken, and twenty others were wounded by gunfire; and

WHEREAS, the attack upon Sutherland Springs First Baptist Church by a gunman dressed in black tactical gear is the largest mass murder in the history of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this tragedy by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, eight members of one family, including a pregnant woman, a seventeen-month-old girl and the visiting pastor, Bryan Holcombe, were counted among the fatalities; and

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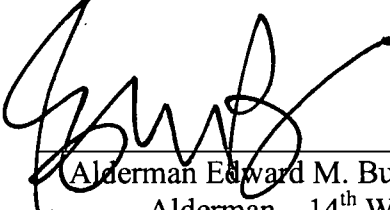
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WHEREAS, the membership of the Chicago City Council assembled this eighth day of November, 2017 do hereby join with the nation in expressing our deepest sorrow to the community of Sutherland Springs, Texas, the victims of this brutal and senseless attack and to their families who shall forever remain in our thoughts and prayers and;

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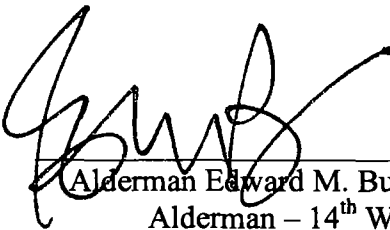
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